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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED AUGUST 22, 2006

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on August 22, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-3 and 5-21, drawn to a security system comprising a data store and security component, classified in class 726, subclass 30;

Group II – Claims 22-29, drawn to a method and system to facilitate data item security, classified in class 726, subclass 27; and

Group III – Claims 30-33, drawn to a medium having a data structure stored therein, classified in class 707, subclass 100.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-3 and 5-21, drawn to a security system comprising a data store and security componet, classified in class 726, subclass 30) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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